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Dodd Probers Issue Over 20 Subpoenas

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The Senate Ethics Committee has issued more than 20 subpoenas in its probe of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd's financial affairs after failing to secure Dodd's cooperation in the latest phase of its investigation.

No subpoenas have been served on Dodd, but banks, other financial institutions and business firms with which the Connecticut Democrat had dealings have been ordered to produce records pertinent to Dodd's transactions.

Issuance of the subpoenas is the first time in the committee's five-month investigation it has been forced to demand information.

On April 22 Dodd publicly promised the committee "my full and conscientious cooperation." Again, on April 29, Dodd said he had "offered my full cooperation" in requesting the committee investigation two months earlier.

Aids Klein Study

Committee members said Dodd was cooperative throughout the investigation of his relationship with Julius Klein, a Chicago public relations man who is registered as a foreign agent for West German business interests.

Newspaper columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, who first leveled the misconduct charges against Dodd, said the senator made an April 1964 trip to West Germany to help Klein "hang onto his clients" there.

Dodd has denied the charges and has filed a \$2 million libel suit against the columnists.

Now under investigation by the committee are Pearson Anderson charges, also denied by Dodd, that the senator siphoned off for his personal use at least \$100,000 raised for campaign purposes.

A former aide to Dodd has alleged that the senator was guilty of "misappropriation of hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds."

When the committee turned its attention to those charges Dodd at first refused to provide the data requested. His attorneys argued that the area of finances was not within the committee's purview.

Among the arguments offered on Dodd's behalf were a challenge to the committee's authority on grounds that election finances should be investigated by the Senate Rules Committee's elections subcommittee.

Dodd's attorneys also argued that no investigation of campaign finances should be undertaken until the Internal Revenue Service completes its probe of Dodd's tax returns.

Reject Delay

But committee members insisted on pursuing the probe, citing the Senate resolution which established the six-man, bipartisan watchdog committee

and authorized it to "receive complaints and investigate allegations of improper conduct which may reflect upon the Senate."

When Dodd still refused to turn over his financial records, the committee voted to issue the subpoenas.

Dodd subsequently said he would cooperate, but declined to turn over the raw information in his possession. He asked a team of accountants to reconstruct virtually all his financial records for the past 10 years and has said he will provide the committee with the results of their work.

The committee, however, has insisted on access to the raw files and wants to make its own analysis.

Under Senate rules, a committee is the judge of its own authority. The appeal to a committee's decision in that area must be made to the full Senate.